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**Eleven Russian Armies Are Sweeping On
To Threaten Five More Great Hun Bastions**

WARSAW UNDER SIEGE: BALTIC TRAP CLOSING

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT

HEAVY Russian guns lumbered within range of Warsaw yesterday and, as the first shells crashed in the outskirts of the city, another Russian army in Latvia reduced the Germans' escape corridor in the Baltic to less than 25 miles.

Warsaw, which, when Stalin's gigantic offensive began on June 23, was the hub of German defence in Poland, is under siege by Marshal Rokossovsky's First White Russian Army, now in a position on high ground less than 18 miles away.

While the Germans gave the impression of defending the Polish capital "to the last heap of rubble," General Bagramian's First Baltic Army, 300 miles farther north, is pressing forward resolutely to cut off the north.

Von Hammer, German military commentator, reported that General Bagramian's dangerous drive northward, from Riga in Lithuania, has reached Mitau, in Latvia, but that his tank spearheads were driven out of the town later.

The Russians advanced 30 miles in 24 hours to reach Mitau, which is only 20 miles south-east of Riga and less than that distance from the front.

In the Gulf of Riga is reached, all the German armies in Eastern Latvia and Estonia will be cut off. The only route of retreat will be by sea under the bombs of the Red Air Force.

A great trap involving possibly 200,000 Nazis is closing in on this front over the weekend.

Another Soviet spearhead is now west of Warsaw, from Tilsit from Stalingrad and has reached points approximately 50 miles from this East Prussian city.

As the final phase of the battle for Warsaw begins, it is clear that the Germans are determined to defend the city bitterly, despite the fact that Warsaw is surrounded from the south by several successful Russian drives.

LAST-DITCH FIGHT

Moscow dispatches said that the German High Command has ordered troops "to fight for every foot of Polish soil" and "to the last drop of rubble."

A Frenchman in the Red Cross, for dealing with the Germans while he was with the Germans two days ago, declared that Rommel was wounded.

"The car removing Rommel from the front overran him and left him here, Rommel unconscious by the side of the road for six hours."

That A.P. reported from Canisy, France.

A Frenchman in the Red Cross, for dealing with the Germans while he was with the Germans two days ago, declared that Rommel was wounded in the bombing near Warsaw, and died later in a hospital.

"We were told that officers and men stated that Rommel had spoken of Rommel's death as an accepted fact, but the report was not confirmed by any authoritative Allied source."

A senior American officer later reported that prisoners said that Rommel was severely wounded in the Allied attacks at Cassino and that Cassino and his car were thrown into a ditch.

Rommel is now in a critical condition, according to German sources, who was captured, said that the "incident" occurred in Poland.

But another agency message stated that Rommel attended a conference only two days ago.

S.S. Tank Commander Wounded

Brigadier Lester Ostendorf, commander of the 14th S.S. Tank Division, "Grenzen zu den Himmel," from Gothenburg, "has been severely wounded in Normandy."

This was announced in a supplement to yesterday's German newspaper.

1,000 RED AIR SORTIES A DAY

Moscow, Saturday. The Soviet Air Force is going all out to speed up Marshal Rokossovsky's drive. It is making more than 1,000 sorties daily, paralysing the fanatical Luftwaffe's attempts to defend Warsaw.

dog fights are raging, from which Soviet airmen are emerging unscathed.

In addition to bringing down dozens of enemy planes, Soviet fighters are using possible Soviet bombers and Stormoviks to destroy unoccupied scores of paraplane bases, drop incendiary mortars, blast "soft" crossings and strafe the retreating Germans.

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Paper Fears Turk Breach

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

GROWING apprehension was shown by the Germans yesterday that Turkey was about to range herself on the side of the Allies.

Von Papen, the German Ambassador, is making a desperate effort to prevent a total rupture of relations, and yes-

terday he hastened from Istanbul to Ankara for urgent talks with the Turkish Foreign Minister.

But Berlin was gloomy about his prospects. The comment of one German official (quoted by Reuter) was that for certain reasons he had nothing to say to the Foreign Minister.

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Mass Flight

From Stuttgart

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